

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Rory Smith.
Serial No. : 09/975,841
Filed : October 12, 2001
For : BANDWIDTH ALLOCATION IN A
SYNCHRONOUS TRANSMISSION
NETWORK FOR PACKET ORIENTED
SIGNALS
Examiner : Heinrichs, Christopher P.
Art Unit : 2663
Customer number : 23644

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 5, 2006

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2006, the following response is made. No amendments are being made (claims are set out below only for ease of review).